

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "provided no troops shall be paid under the provisions of this Act until they are mustered into the service of the State."

The bill was then made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. Tuesday.

A bill for the relief of railroad companies. Read 2nd time. Mr. Parsons offered the following amendment: "provided that this Act shall not be so construed as to conflict with or in any manner alter or change the provisions of an Act for the relief of the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company, and all other railroad companies, passed March 20, 1861." Adopted.

Mr. Burnett moved to strike out "two years" and insert "one year." Lost.

Mr. Durant offered the following amendment: "provided that no land certificates shall issue under this section until the interest on the bonds due the school fund be paid or secured in the terms of the Act for the relief of railroads." Laid on the table.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper from Committee on Agriculture reported a bill to incorporate the Dallas County Agricultural and Mechanical Association and recommended its passage.

Mr. Boyd from a Committee of Conference reported a substitute for a bill to protect the wool growing interests of the State of Texas.

Mr. Shepard presented the memorial of the heirs of William H. and Henry Nimrod which was referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. on Thursday 26th instant.

Thursday, December 26, 1861

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Tuesday was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Austin, December 16, 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate:

It becomes my painful task to convey to you the sad

intelligence of the death of the gallant Colonel B. F. Terry, commanding the Texas Rangers in the State of Kentucky. He was killed on the 17th day of the present month while bravely leading his men against three times the number of Hessians.

Colonel Terry was a noble man: the estimation in which he was held by the people of the South is truly indicated by the fact that on the receipt of the sad news of his death the Legislature of the State of Tennessee immediately adjourned and proceeded in a body to escort the remains to the State House and then cause it to be laid in state. He was a man whom all patriots could love.

In the death of Colonel Terry the State of Texas and the Confederate States have lost one of their most gallant men, one of the many who leaving behind a large family and everything that made home near and dear and engaged in this war purely from motives of patriotism. I am proud to say that I have known Colonel Terry from his early boyhood and I know of no man who possessed in a greater degree that patriotic and chivalrous feeling so much developed in the present contest. He died as I know he wished to die, battling against abolition tyranny.

I feel that the blood of this noble patriot will cause to spring up thousands of armed men who will rally to the defence of our liberty.

I can truly say that no braver man ever lived—no truer patriot ever died.

Respectfully,
F. R. LUBBOCK

Whereupon Messrs. Jordan, Guinn, Shelly, Scarborough, and Cook were appointed a committee to present suitable resolutions, and 1000 copies thereof with the message were ordered to be printed. The Senate then took recess of ten minues.

The recess having expired, Mr. Jordan presented the following resolutions:

“Resolved, That we have heard this morning with the deepest regret and sorrow the sad intelligence of the death of our brave and distinguished fellow citizen Colonel B. F. Terry, who fell, sword in hand, fighting the enemy near Bowling Green, Kentucky, on the 17th instant.”

“Resolved, That in the death of Colonel B. F. Terry the State of Texas mourns the loss of one of her noblest patriots and bravest and best of citizens, and that we deeply and sincerely deplore the melancholy event which has thus

deprived the State of a good citizen and the Confederacy of a brave and noble defender.

“Resolved, That these resolutions be adopted and spread upon the journal and that the Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of them to the family of the deceased and, also, to the brother of Colonel Terry, and as a token of respect the members of the Senate will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and also that the Senate Chamber be draped in mourning, and as a further mark of respect the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.”

Friday, December 27, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Shelley presented the petition of Joseph P. Sneed, assignee of Thomas Grubbs, accompanied by bill, which was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported upon a bill for relief of Thomas Eanes, asking that the Senate take no action whatever thereon. Also a bill for relief of Samuel W. Holland's heirs, asking that it do not pass.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported a bill for relief of Nelson Tarver and recommended its passage.

Mr. Branch introduced a bill for relief of heirs of John White. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to incorporate the Aransas Salt Works Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs. A resolution concerning the registry of names of legal voters, and a resolution concerning extradition of fugitives from service or labor, both of which were referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The report of Committee of Conference on a bill to protect the wool-growing interests of the State of Texas was adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Read 2nd time and made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

A bill granting 160 acres of land to soldiers. Read 2nd time and substitute of committee adopted.

Mr. Dickson offered the following amendment: insert